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SUBJECT: UNESCO: YUGOSLAVIA'S PERFORMANCE TO DATE AT GEN CONF

REF: NAIROBI 12459

1. DURING GENCONF PRESIDENT'S CONSULTATIONS WITH EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP MEMBERS TO ASCERTAIN THEIR WISHES WITH RESPECT TO ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP, YUGOSLAVIA JOINED THOSE VOTING AGAINST. BREAKDOWN OF VOTE REPORTED SEPTEL WAS 19 FOR, 10 AGAINST, WITH 5 ABSTENTIONS.

2. THIS VOTE AGAINST ISRAEL TYPIFIES TOTALLY UNHELPFUL AND EVEN OBSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE ASSUMED BY YUGOSLAV DEL IN NAIROBI ON ALL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO US.

3. IN ADDITION TO NEGATIVE VOTE ON ISRAEL, YUGOSLAV
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DEL VOTED FOR IRAQUI AMENDMENT TO SOVIET DR CALLING

FOR UNESCO TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE ON BASIS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RES 3379 (ZIONISM-RACISM). AFTER SWIRLING DEBATE, DR AND AMENDMENT WERE DEFEATED BY SENDING MATTER TO DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING GROUP BY VOTE OF 28 FOR, 23 AGAINST, WITH 14 ABSTENTIONS.

4. YUGOSLAV DELEGATION ALSO PLAYED OBSTRUCTIONIST ROLE DURING DEBATE ON MASS MEDIA (REFTEL) BY ATTACKING BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL TO SEND MATTER TO DNG AND PROPOSING INSTEAD TO NEGOTIATE SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE IN COMMISSION III WORKING PARTY WHICH YUGOSLAV DEL HAD ITSELF PROPOSED SETTING UP. WHEN ISSUE FINALLY CAME TO A VOTE AND SOVIET BLOC SOUNDLY DEFEATED, HE REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE.

5. NEITHER HAS YUGOSLAV DEL BEEN AT ALL HELPFUL TO US ON GEN CONF BUREAU WHERE IS IS A MEMBER. ALTHOUGH HIS SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS ON ISSUES ARE NOT PARTICULARLY OBNOXIOUS, HE SIEZES EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION THE COMPETENCE OF DNG TO HANDLE QUESTIONS WHICH HE MAKES CLEAR HE WOULD PREFER BE HASHED OUT IN COMMISSIONS OR PLENARY. WE OF COURSE ARE VERY ANXIOUS THAT THE DNG SUCCEED SINCE WE HOPE IT WILL CUT INTO ABILITY OF RADICAL ARAB AND BLOC COUNTRIES TO USE UNESCO'S PUBLIC GATHERINGS FOR PROPAGANDIZING.

6. FURTHERMORE, WE HAVE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT YUGOSLAVIA ADAMANTLY OPPOSED ISRAEL IN EUR REGION, AND MAY ASK FOR ROLLCALL VOTE WHEN ISSUE COMES BACK TO PLENARY.

7. WE THINK A STRONG DEMARCHE MAY BE HELPFUL. HOWEVER, WE LEAVE IT TO DEPTS JUDGEMENT WHETHER OR NOT TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH FORN MIN IN BELGRADE.
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